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It's a last opportunity to protest for workers' unions today as they begin the 14th day of demonstrations against the government's new pension reforms. Hundreds of protests are being organised across the country ahead of the National Assembly's decision on Thursday on the Liott group's bill to repeal these reforms. It is expected that 600,000 people will take to the streets and as a result, thousands of police officers have been mobilised to maintain order on the sidelines, including 4,000 in Paris alone.

Three men were tried yesterday for attacking Brigitte Macron's nephew during an unofficial protest against the pension reforms on May the 15th. One was released, and the others received a 12- and a 15-month prison sentence.

There has been a new tragedy in Marseille where a man was shot dead last night in one of the northern districts of the city. The victim, in his twenties, was killed in the 15th arrondissement of Castellans. An investigation is underway by the police.

The French government wants to make an attempt to curb inflation. Bruno Le Maire announced on Monday evening that he wants to publish a list of all food manufacturers who did not lower prices at the government's request. This threat could be implemented before the end of the month, explained the Minister of the Economy.

Even more big clothing brands are in financial turmoil. The Fast Retailing France group announced yesterday the possible closure of 55 Comptoir des Cotonniers and Princesse Tam Tam shops. These closures could be effective by the end of 2024 resulting in more than 300 jobs being threatened.

And finally to football news where Bordeaux, Metz, Rodez and Annecy will have to wait for the results from the disciplinary committee of the football league who met yesterday to rule on the fate of the Bordeaux - Rodez match after the attack on a Ruthénois player by a Bordeaux supporter on Friday after the opening goal by the Aveyronnais player. The commission decided to put the file under investigation in view of the seriousness of the facts, and a decision will be made next Monday.